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Police Focus on “3Ds” in December

Traffic Enforcement Section Working to Combat Drunk and Drugged Driving

The Howard County Police Department’s Traffic Enforcement Section is working on several initiatives this holiday season to help keep citizens safe--and sober--on the roads. December is national “3D Month”, which is intended to combat drunk and drugged driving throughout the country. Police will have extra saturation patrols targeted at impaired driving violations and, as always, the Alcohol Enforcement Unit will continue to patrol for underage drinking and underage impaired driving.

This month, the department also is partnering with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for the annual “Tie One on for Safety” campaign. Officers will help distribute red ribbons for car antennas to remind people to drive sober. The ribbons will be given out with an informational brochure about the dangers of drinking and driving.

The police department will kick off 3D Month with a sobriety checkpoint at an undisclosed location Friday, Dec. 20. Police have selected the checkpoint location based on the frequency of alcohol-related accidents and the number of arrests for intoxicated driving. The checkpoint will be clearly marked with signs, lights, and uniformed officers. Officers will be checking for violations such as driving under the influence of alcohol/driving while intoxicated, failure to use seat belts and other traffic violations.

Through all of these December programs, Howard County Police hope to help the county’s citizens have a safe and happy holiday season.

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